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To the NorthMet EIS Cooperating Agencies: Bois Forte; Fond du Lac; Grand Portage; 1854 Treaty Authority; GLIFWC; USEPA.

The Co-lead Agencies invite comment on the draft Interagency Memorandum titled "Co-lead Agencies' Response for GLIFWC Comments on Calibration of the Mine Site MODFLOW Model to Partridge River Groundwater Baseflows." This document has been prepared in response to recent comments from GLIFWC that the project model is incorrectly calibrated and cannot be expected to produce accurate predictions.

Attached please find the following files:

File: "NMet_Mine Site MODFLOW Calibration-PMP_Draft Agencies Response.pdf"

This is the Co-lead Agencies draft Interagency Memorandum.

File: "Mine Site MODFLOW_Barr Response Memo_v2_JULY2015.pdf"

This is a technical memorandum prepared by the PolyMet/Barr team in response to comments submitted to the Co-lead Agencies regarding the topic of selection of calibration conditions; see Section 1.2. This has undergone one round of Co-lead Agencies review and may undergo additional review; at this time it is a preliminary reference for the draft Interagency Memorandum. NOTE: This document also addresses "confirmation of the Mine Site MODFLOW model" and "simulation of the Partridge River," where both are topics of interest beyond the GLIFWC correspondence of June 18, 2015. All of these topics are expected to be discussed during the technical session now being planned for later July.

Review of this documentation is concurrent with the Cooperating Agencies' opportunity to review and comment on the PFEIS. Comments are therefore due back to the Co-lead Agencies EOB on Tuesday, August 4, 2015. Comments on the content of the memo will be considered in the development of FEIS.

Thank you for your participation at this stage of the EIS. Please direct any questions that you may have to the EIS Project Managers. Bill J. for the Co-lead Agencies Project Managers (Jimenez; Bruner; Fay; Johnson)

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